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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Benjamin Michael Witte et al.
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Examiner: : Tony H. Winner

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Moline, IL 61265
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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First Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 9 April 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and includes an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached at the end of this paper.